The Edgefield County Council held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, February 2, 2010, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter St., Edgefield.

Members present

Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman Genia Blackwell, Councilwoman Norman Dorn, Councilman

Members absent

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman

Others present

Alton Brown, County Administrator Michael S. Medlock, County Attorney Lynn Strom, Finance Director Barbaa R. Stark, Clerk to Council and others as per list attached

Vice Chairman Bright called the meeting to order and Albert Talbert gave the invocation, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

The January 5, 2010 Minutes of the Edgefield County Council were approved with a motion made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

No comments.

Ordinances

First reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-616, "An Ordinance Amending and Codifying Edgefield County Building Permit Re-inspection Fees" was approved with a motion made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Motion carried unanimously.

First reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-617, "An Ordinance to Define Cruelty to Animals, To Provide For Removal Of Cruelty Treated Animals, To Provide For Judicial Review Of Any Removal, To Provide For Conditions That Must Be Met In Order To Remove An Animal, And To Provide For Disposition Of An Animal When The Cruel Treatment Is Not Abated Or Corrected" was postponed until further information can be obtained.

Resolutions

Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft to approve the *Local Government Resolution* submitted by the Burton Center for Disabilities and Special Needs. Motion carried unanimously. Burton Center is applying for a FTA grant to the SC Department of Mass Transit for assistance in purchasing a 15-passenger bus to transport individuals with disabilities and special needs to various functions.

New Business

Mapping Machine

Council voted unanimously to place on government deals to be sold a mapping machine from the assessor's office. The machine has been in storage since the purchase of a new one. Councilwoman Blackwell made the motion and Councilman Ashcraft seconded.

Budget Calendar

The FY 2010-11 proposed budget calendar was approved with a motion made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Motion carried unanimously.

Library bids/removal of bats/clean-up

The following bids were received for the removal of bats and the clean-up process at the library:

Trutech, Inc. \$3,420 CSRA \$4,590 United Bat Control, Inc. \$10,875

Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell to accept the bid submitted by Trutech, Inc. in the amount of \$3,420.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mike Reed, Building Official, gave an updated report to the council members concerning the repairs to the assessor's office and an HVAC grant for the law enforcement center.

The assessor's office has been painted and the carpet replaced with vinyl and a new countertop.

A \$55,000 grant was applied for to replace five (5) HVAC units in the law enforcement center, and \$48,000 was approved. Hopefully two of the four ton units can be used when the Calliham property is renovated.

Title change/ VA employee

John Rikard, Veterans Affairs Officer, requested the change of title for the employee in his office from Clerk II to Administrative Assistant. This request was tabled at the January council meeting in order to obtain more information and bring that information back to the February meeting. In obtaining this information Councilman Dorn made the motion to honor the request, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Motion carried unanimously. Salary change will be discussed during the budget session.

At this time Vice Chairman Bright recognized Mr. Alton Brown. Mr. Brown began his duties as County Administrator on February 1st.

Guests

Jerry Galloy, Edgefield Community Development Association, addressed council requesting \$2500 toward the celebration of Edgefield County's 225th anniversary of the founding of the Edgefield District this year. The unanimous vote of council was to accept this request as information and will be considered at the March meeting.

Arthur Biggs addressed council concerning the leased property for recreation parks in the county. Mr. Biggs felt the property should be deeded to the county by the owners rather than being leased.

Claims approved as follows:

| Regular | | 12/28/09 thru 1/10/10 | \$244,302.39 |
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| Regular | | 1/11/10 thru 1/21/10 | \$225,811.64 |
| General Ope | erating | | \$766,509.34 |

No executive session

There being no further business, Councilman Dorn made the motion to adjourn. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

| | C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman | |
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| | Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman | |
| | Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman | |
| | Regina Blackwell, Councilwoman | |
| | Norman Dorn, Councilman | |
| ATTEST | | |
| Barbara Stark, Clerk to Council | | |